

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has regularly suffered the effects of river flooding and flash flooding throughout history; and

WHEREAS, many lives have been lost and untold amounts of damage and destruction have been caused by flooding; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal partnerships remember their roles to help provide accurate and useful river forecasts and warnings, a reliable river gage network, and public support; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service, United States Geological Survey, the American Red Cross and other agencies have expressed a desire to work with the citizens of our state and the news media to inform Mississippians of river flood and flash flood safety and preparedness: and

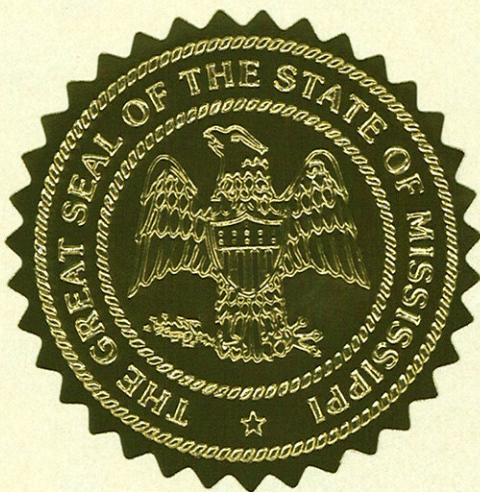
WHEREAS, we remember the great suffering due to the loss of life and the widespread major flooding of property during the "Easter Flood" of 1979, especially in the Jackson metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, we wish to make the citizens aware that a flood of this magnitude can happen again;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2009 as

"EASTER FLOOD" OF 1979 - 30th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join in this effort to increase public awareness of the dangers posed by river flooding and flash flooding through preparing and assessing flood risk.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

A blue ink signature of Haley Barbour.

HALEY BARBOUR